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C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 5384

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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: TUNIS CORE GROUP MEETING

REF: STATE 181897 AND TUNIS 3827

1. SUMMARY: BELGIAN CHAIRMAN (BAYOT) OF TUNIS CORE GROUP WENT OVER LINE HE PLANS TO FOLLOW IN EARLY DEMARCHE TO CHATTY ON KOREAN QUESTION BEFORE LATTER'S TRIP TO COLOMBO. HIS APPROACH WAS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AND APPROVED BY PARTICIPANTS, ALTHOUGH CANADIAN INDICATED RELUCTANCE TO AGREE TO CHAIRMAN'S PLANNED ESPOUSAL OF SEATTLE SPEECH SETTLEMENT FORMULA AS REPRESENTING VIEW OF ALL RPT ALL MEMBERS OF CORE GOUP. END SUMMARY.

2. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR AGAIN ASSEMBLED CORE GROUP JULY 29 PRIOR TO A PLANNED FURTHER DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN MINISTER HABIB CHATTY FOR DELIVERY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR COLOMBO. PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT IMPORTANT NEW ELEMENT IN PICTURE  
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WAS SECSTATE'S SEATTLE SPEECH OF JULY 22, WHICH BELGIAN

COMPETENTLY SUMMARIZED AND WHICH ALL AGREED REINFORCED OUR POSITION AT A CRITICAL TIME. COPIES OF KOREAN SECTION OF SPEECH PROVIDED BY EMBASSY WERE BEFORE PARTICIPANTS.

3. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT ONE POINT WHICH HAD CAUSED HIM A PROBLEM IN HIS LAST DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN WAS CHATTY'S DENIAL OF EXISTENCE OF A SECRET USSR-DPRK DEFENSE UNDERTAKING. HE IS NOW ARMED WITH FRENCH AND ENGLISH VERSIONS OF TREATY (ALREADY PROVIDED TO MFA BY EMBASSY, BUT NOT NECESSARILY SEEN BY CHATTY) AND WILL INSURE CHATTY READS THEM.

4. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION PARTICIPANTS AGREED CHAIRMAN'S EFFORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO CONVINCING CHATTY THAT HE SHOULD PLAY A MODERATING ROLE AT COLOMBO AND WORK AGAINST PARTISAN, ONE-SIDED NACC DRAFT RESOLUTION. SINCE TIME WILL PERMIT AT LEAST ONE FURTHER DEMARCHE BY BELGIAN BEFORE UNGA, IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT TALK AT THIS STAGE OF HOW GOT SHOULD VOTE AT UNGA WOULD BE BOTH PREMATURE AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. CONSENSUS WAS THAT MOST WE CAN EXPECT FROM GOT MAY BE ABSTENTION ON FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS AND THAT GOT WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO FEEL IT HAS LITTLE TO GAIN IN BEING VIRTUALLY ALONE AMONG ARAB NAM MEMBERS IN SUPPORTING FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

5. CHAIRMAN ALSO PLANS TO CAPITALIZE UPON CHATTY'S EXPRESSED VIEWS THAT (A) GOT FAVORS ROK PARTICIPATION IN ALL DISCUSSIONS RE FUTURE OF KOREAN PENINSULA AND (B) GOT NEVER FEELS ITSELF BOUND BY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION (AS MOST NAC AND OAU RESOLUTIONS ARE). HE WILL ALSO APPEAL TO TUNISIAN SENSE OF JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS AND ITS PENCHANT FOR "DIALOGUE" ON ALL ISSUES. HE WILL ALSO CALL ATTENTION TO AND URGE GOT SUPPORT FOR FOUR PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN JULY 22 SPEECH.

6. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER CHATTY HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT COPIES OF JULY 22 SPEECH. I REPLIED THAT EMBASSY/USIS IS LABORIOUSLY COMPLETING AND REPRODUCING ITS OWN FRENCH TRANSLATION WHICH I HOPED TO HAVE READY EARLY JULY 30. IN UNDERTOOK TO SEND FONMIN AND CORE GROUP MEMBERS FRENCH CONFIDENTIAL

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TEXT. (THIS WAS COMPLETED AND DISTRIBUTED AN HOUR OR TWO BEFORE ARRIVAL HERE OF DEPTTEL WITH FRENCH TEXT, A RATHER UNHAPPY REPETITION OF A SITUATION WHICH OUGHT TO BE AVOIDABLE.) EMPHASIZING HE WAS SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, MY CANADIAN COLLEAGUE BELIEVED US EMBASSY SHOULD SEND THE JULY 22 SPEECH TO FONMIN BEFORE RPT BEFORE CHAIRMAN SAW HIM AND THAT CHAIRMAN SHOULD NOT RPT NOT INDICATE SUPPORT OF CORE GROUP FOR "US" RPT "US" INITIATIVE. BELGIAN SAID HE

WAS INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO "RECOMMEND TUNISIAN SUPPORT" OF KISSINGER INITIATIVES. WHEN I SAW CANADIAN LATER IN DAY HE TOLD ME HE HAD CORRECTLY PREJUDGED INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WERE AWAITING HIM ON RETURN TO HIS OFFICE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOC POSITION IS "UN PEU NUANCE." GOC WILL CONTINUE AS A LOYAL MEMBER OF CORE GROUP BUT HASNOT YET DECIDED TO SUPPORT JULY 22 FORMULA FOR SOLUTION.

7. SOUTH KOREAN REPORTED HE WAS SEEING AHMED GHAZAL (NO. 3 AT MFA) JULY 30. GHAZAL WILL BE CHATTY'S NO. 2 AT COLOMBO. I REPORTED THAT AS SOON AS I KNEW THE BELGIAN HAD BEEN GIVEN AN APPOINTMENT WITH CHATTY I WOULD ASK FOR ONE. I SAID THAT THERE WERE A FEW OTHER MATTERS I WANTED TO TAKE UP WITH HIM BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR COLOMBO BUT I WOULD ALSO HAVE KOREA HIGH ON MY AGENDA.

8. COMMENT: CORE GROUP WAS SURPRISED AND NOT OVERLY PLEASED WITH "NUANCED" CANADIAN POSITION. SINCE I ASSUME CANADIANS IN OTHER GROUP MEETINGS WILL MAKE KNOWN THIS POSITION, I WOULD FIND DEPARTMENT'S VIEW ON THIS POINT USEFUL IN FUTURE TALKS WITH MY COLLEAGUES HERE. MULCAHY

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